(d) how many tribals in Jharkhand have got LPG connections during the last three years year-wise, company-wise, district-wise and tribe-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) As on 1.2.2008, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have provided 11.1 lakh LPG connections in Jharkhand.

(b) At present, new LPG connections are available across the counter for genuine domestic customers and there is no overall waiting list for release of new connections in the State of Jharkhand.

(c) OMCs have reported that they have released 58,423, 1,03,549 and 91,390 LPG connections in the State of Jharkhand during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and April, 2007 to January, 2008 respectively.

(d) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that they do not maintain data on tribal families in the country including Jharkhand who have LPG connections.

Security at oil and gas installations

1203. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission's sensitive installations are without modern security systems making them vulnerable to terrorist attacks; and

(b) if so, the details of such installations and the reasons for not installing the modern security systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No Sir.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has taken adequate measures in respect of its vulnerable sensitive installations. All vital installations are being audited/inspected by internal and external agencies periodically and the recommendations made by such teams are being implemented.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

LPG pipeline between Mangalore and Madurai

1204. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to lay a LPG pipeline between Mangalore and Madurai; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) There is no proposal to lay LPG pipeline between Mangalore and Madurai.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a).